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<i>Research Area</i>				
<i>Original Estimated Cost</i> \$120,000	<i>Revised Cost</i> \$465,000	<i>% Funds Expended</i> 54%	<i>% Work Completed</i> 55%	
<i>Objective</i> Foster an exchange of pavement technology between the states involved and sponsor cooperative research of mutual interest.				

Project Progress:

Planning for the next meeting, to be held in Texas in October 31st to November 3rd, was done during the quarter. The agenda will include a special presentation on the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology and equipment by Texas staff.

The focus group for the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) met on August 30-31st at UC Davis. Texas, California and Washington (Minnesota was unable to attend) updated the group on research conducted to date on implementation of the MEPDG. In addition, the group established a list of needed enhancements for the MEDPG and also discussed the concept of open source for future software modifications. Meeting minutes and presentations will be posted to the SPTC website.

The test sections for the Tack Coat Study were placed in Olympia, WA on September 13th. Testing was performed on the tack coat prior to paving and once paving was complete, over 150 cores were taken for further testing. The results will go to Washington State University for analysis and the finished report is expected by April 2006.

The whitetopping focus group is following Minnesota's lead that is developing a proposal for a national pool fund study. Interest in developing a whitetopping design manual goes well beyond the four states and inclusion of other states will provide a more comprehensive study. Minnesota is looking for the four states' support to provide expertise and guidance with the development of the guide.

New Period Proposed Activity:

Additional meetings of the small groups will be scheduled during the second half of 2005. The next meeting of the consortium is scheduled for October 31st through November 3rd in Austin, Texas.